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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**No. 366**

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 14, 2003

An act to amend Section 1522.02 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to care facilities, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 366, as amended, Mullin. Child care: substitute employee registry.

Existing law authorizes the State Department of Social Services (department) to adopt regulations to create substitute care facility employee registries for persons working at more than one facility licensed by the department, in order to permit these registries to submit fingerprint cards and child abuse index information for child care registries.

This bill would instead authorize the department to adopt the above regulations in order to permit these registries to submit fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice, in

accordance with prescribed provisions, for child care workers who are associated with the registries, and would require the Department of Justice to assess all processing fees associated with these provisions. It would also require that the responses from the Department of Justice be provided to the department, and would permit these responses to include information from specified sources.

Existing law additionally authorizes the department to operate a substitute child care employee registry pilot program for the above purposes, pursuant to specified criteria, and to charge an administrative fee to participating registry facilities.

The bill would require the department to provide each registry under the pilot program with a facility number, and would require that the child care worker be registered with the registry, and not with an individual child care facility that temporarily employs the child care worker. The bill would also require the registry to maintain all employee records for a child care worker it employs.

Existing law permits the department to limit the pilot program to specified counties.

This bill would revise the list of counties that may participate in the pilot program.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1522.02 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:
3 1522.02. (a) The department may adopt regulations to create
4 substitute employee registries for persons working at more than
5 one facility licensed pursuant to this chapter, Chapter 3.01
6 (commencing with Section 1568.01), Chapter 3.2 (commencing
7 with Section 1569), Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section
8 1569.70), Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1596.90), or
9 Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 1597.30), in order to
10 permit these registries to submit fingerprint images and related
11 information pursuant to Section 1596.871, to the Department of
12 Justice for child care workers who are associated with the registries

1 so that these facilities have available cleared care staff.
2 Notwithstanding paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section
3 1596.871, the Department of Justice shall assess all processing
4 fees associated with this subdivision. The responses from the
5 Department of Justice shall be provided to the department and may
6 include information from its Criminal Index and Identification
7 (Cal-CII) system, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the Child
8 Abuse Central Index *pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph*
9 *(6) of subdivision (b) of Section 11170 of the Penal Code.*

10 (b) The department shall operate a substitute child care
11 employee registry pilot program for the purposes of subdivision
12 (a) and may charge participating registries a reasonable
13 administrative fee. The pilot program shall be subject to all of the
14 following:

15 (1) The pilot program shall be limited to screening employees
16 for facilities licensed as child care facilities.

17 (2) Registries may not hire any child care worker for
18 employment at a child care facility who requires an exemption
19 from the criminal background clearance requirements of law.

20 (3) The department shall only guarantee the authenticity of
21 criminal background and child abuse index information that
22 registries provide to child care facilities. Any other information
23 about a child care worker shall be verified by the registry and
24 certified through a certificate issued by the registry.

25 (4) The department shall provide each registry with a facility
26 number. The child care worker shall be registered with the registry,
27 and not with the individual child care facility that temporarily
28 employs him or her. The substitute employee registry shall
29 maintain all employee records for a child care worker employed
30 by the registry.

31 (5) The department may limit the pilot program to the Counties
32 of Alameda, Contra Costa, Orange, *Sacramento*, San Francisco,
33 San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

34 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
35 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
36 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
37 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

38 In order to expedite criminal background checks so as to enable
39 temporary child care employees to fill emergency vacancies in

- 1 child care facilities as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act
- 2 take effect immediately.

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